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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR MAY 27 IEA
MINISTERIAL AS AGREED AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MAY 20:

BEGIN TEXT

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY
MET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN PARIS ON 27TH MAY, 1975,
UNDER THE CHAIARMSHIP OF MR. RENAAT VAN ELSLANDE,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM.

1. MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE EVENTS OF RECENT YEARS
HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY OF
A REGULAR AND STABLE ENERGY SUPPLY. SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS MUST REST UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF INTER-
DEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES. THEIR CONTINUED ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MUST BE BASED UPON WORLD ECONOMIC
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GROWTH IN CONDITIONS OF STABILITY AND EQUITY.

MINISTERS REGARD IT AS ESSENTIAL THAT RELATIONSHIPS OF MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, SO THAT ALL COUNTRIES, WHATEVER THEIR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, MAY BE RECOGNIZED AS PARTNERS IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE, AS FAR AS PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH ENERGY WERE CONCERNED' TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES.

2. MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 1974. THEY LAID DOWN GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE AGENCY'S FUTURE WORK AND FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM AND REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COOPERATIVE MULTILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

3. THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION AND TO ALLOCATE OIL SUPPLIES IN CONDITIONS OF SHORTAGE. THIS EMERGENCY SYSTEM CAN BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION AT SHORT NOTICE IF REQUIRED, AND WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF ANY FUTURE OIL SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES.

4. MINISTERS NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ON THE OIL MARKET IN ORDER TO ENSURE GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND TRANSPARENCY IN INTERNATIONAL OIL TRADE. THEY AGREED THAT THE OIL MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE PROMPTLY COMPLETED AND EVALUATED; THIS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS WITH OIL COMPANIES.

5. MINISTERS CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO BEGIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION ON ENERGY BY 1ST JULY, 1975, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE AGENCY BY MAKING MORE EFFICIENT

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USE OF THE WORLD'S LIMITED AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF ENERGY; BY DIVERSIFYING THE SOURCES OF ENERGY; AND BY REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. MINISTERS AGREED THAT COOPERATION IN THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM, TO BE EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE, SHOULD TAKE INTO DUE CONSIDERATION THE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

6. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS THAT

HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION, IN PARTICULAR
THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A GROUP CONSERVATION TARGET FOR
1975.

MINISTERS DECIDED THAT THE WORK OF THE AGENCY SHOULD BE
ACTIVELY CONTINUED, AND AGREED THAT GOVERNMENTS OF THE
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD NEED TO INCREASE THEIR
EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE ENERGY CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

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OF THE AGENCY ARE ACHIEVED. MINISTERS LAID DOWN AS
PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK THE CONSIDERATION OF CONSERVA-
TION OBJECTIVES FOR THE GROUP FOR 1976 AND 1977, THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDIUM-TERM GOALS FOR 1980 AND 1985,
AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REVIEWS TO
STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

7. THE MINISTERS AGREED ON THE NEED TO ELABORATE A

COORDINATED PROGRAM OF COOPERATION FOR THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, AS PROVIDED IN THE DECISION ALREADY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BOARD, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR A COMMITMENT TO INCREASE, ENCOURAGE AND SAFEGUARD INVESTMENT BY GENERAL AND SPECIFIC MEASURES.

ON THE BASIS OF THE SAME DECISION, MINISTERS INSISTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FIELDS SPECIFIED

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IN THE IEP AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY COAL AND NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY AGREED TO BUILD FURTHER UPON THE PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY THE AGENCY IN THE AREA OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION, MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE UTILIZATION AND PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN FROM WATER). THEY RESOLVED THAT PRODUCTIVE RESULTS IN THIS AREA WILL REQUIRE A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO DEVELOP CONCRETE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

8. BEARING IN MIND THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIES, MINISTERS REVIEWED THE RELATIONS AMONG OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED ALIKE. THEY WERE AWARE OF IMPORTANT AND PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO ENERGY, AND THEY WERE DETERMINED THAT THESE SHOULD BE TACKLED WITH INCREASED VIGOR AND DETERMINATION. FOR ITS PART, THE AGENCY WILL DO ALL WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE TO WORK FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH ENERGY. (IF MINISTERS WISH TO REFER TO THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING, SUCH A REFERENCE CAN BE INSERTED HERE.)

MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING HELD IN PARIS FROM 7TH-16TH APRIL, 1975, HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL AND SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING BETTER RELATIONS AMONG OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WHICH HAS BEGUN, AND WILL ENCOURAGE INITIATIVES DIRECTED TOWARDS FURTHER PROGRESS. THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON POSSIBLE WAYS OF PURSUING THE DIALOGUE AND THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

THEY ALSO AGREED TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS, IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE AGENCY, TO ENSURE THAT FORMAL DELIBERATIONS RESPONSIVE TO THE INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES CON-

CERNED CAN BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MINISTERS
DECLARED THEMSELVES READY TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS AT ANY
TIME AND IN ANY MANNER FOUND MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.
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9. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE
AGENCY THUS FAR HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS MEETING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUN-
TERED IN THE ENERGY FIELD. THEY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR
AN INTENSIFICATION AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, A BROADENING
OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN THIS AREA. THE
AGENCY WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER DEVELOP ITS COOPERATIVE
ENERGY PROGRAM IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL ENERGY
SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION, WHICH IS OF VITAL IMPORT-
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